

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A database processing method for performing database operations by referencing an external file, comprising the steps of:

receiving from a database client, a table select request for specifying a table name, a select item, a select condition, and a processing type indicative of which of column data and contents of an external file are to be processed; and

transmitting to the database client column data which meets said select condition, or the contents of an external file indicated by position information in said column data in accordance with the contents of said processing type, and watch information for watching access to said external file.